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" (*b*) So far as leprosy is concerned the question of ' cure ' does not arise. During the year 1953–54, 69 patients were discharged with a non-infectivity certificate and 43 as quiescent cases from the Government Lady Willingdon Leprosy Sanatorium, Tirumani. In all these cases, the disease has been arrested.

" (*c*) One hundred and twelve cases as stated above.

The expenditure incurred during the year 1953–54 in the Government Lady Willingdon Leprosy Sanatorium, Tirumani, is Rs. 3,77,884–6–6."

Major irrigation schemes of ' Bijur ' and ' Hallady ', Coondapur taluk.

* 1080 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Y. Manjaya Shetty is not in his place. The answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to create a separate Public Works Department Subdivision for Coondapur taluk to investigate and execute two major irrigation schemes of ' Bijur ' and ' Hallady ';

(*b*) if so, when it will be done; and

(*c*) when the investigation of those schemes will be commenced and completed?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The proposal is awaited from the Special Chief Engineer. It will be examined and a decision taken on receipt.

" (*c*) The investigation of the Hallady Scheme has already been taken up by the Mangalore Subdivision and is in progress. The investivation of the Bijur Scheme will be taken up after the former has been completed."

Number of officers for supervising the elementary schools in the State in 1953.

* 1081 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of ranges and the number of Senior Deputy Inspectors, Junior Deputy Inspectors and Attendance Officers to supervise elementary schools in the State in 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The figures as on 31st December 1953 are—

Number of ranges—197.

Number of Deputy Inspectors (Senior Scale)—197.

Number of Deputy Inspectors (Junior Scale)—135.

Number of Attendance Officers—29."

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SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Are the Government aware that these Attendance Officers are not doing any useful job and so, will the Government consider the conversion of these posts into posts of Junior Inspectors or Senior Inspectors, as the case may be?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall consider the suggestion, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" How many elementary schools are entrusted to the care of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools for supervision per year and what useful purpose will be served by entrusting a very large number of schools which is unwieldy and beyond his capacity to supervise?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, a proposal to reduce the number of schools under the charge of each Deputy Inspector of Schools (Junior Scale) is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, in one taluk, there are many circles. Because of that, there is an increase in the establishment charges. Therefore, may I know whether the Government will consider combining these circles into one and appointing more Deputy Inspectors?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I will consider that suggestion, Sir."

Non-recognition of the Public Works Department Workers' Union.

*1082 Q.—SRI T. P. ELUMALAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state why the Public Works Department Workers' Union which has been in existence since 1926, has not been recognized by the Government till now?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : " The Union applied for recognition by the Government only in June 1953. The question is under consideration, with particular reference to the possibility of the enactment of the Central Trade Unions Bill."

Dress regulations for State officials.

*1083 Q.—SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any instructions from the Government of India recommending or prescribing any dress regulations to be observed by the State officials and others; and

(b) whether the Government have issued any instructions concerning this matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) Certain suggestions were received from the Prime Minister of India regarding the dress to be worn by civilian officers on formal occasions, at parties and in office. It was made clear that